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GEOMETRY.

303. Proposed by FRANCIS RUST, C. E., Allegheny, Pa.

Prove that the pedal line of any point on a triangle's circum-circle bisects the distance from this point to the triangle's ortho-center.

304. Proposed by G. W. GREENWOOD, M. A., Dunbar, Pa.

Find the tangent at the points $(a, 0)$ and $(0, a)$ to the locus $x^3 + y^3 = a^3$, and show that these points are points of inflection.

305. Proposed by J. J. QUINN, Ph. D., Scottdale, Pa.

1. Suppose two radii R and R_1 revolve uniformly in the ratio 2 : 3. Find the equation of the locus of the intersection of R with the chord drawn from the end of the diameter to the extremity of R_1 . 2. If the chord be drawn to the end of the diameter to the extremity of R , what is the locus of the intersection with R_1 ? 3. Show how an angle can be trisected by means of this curve.

CALCULUS.

230. Proposed by C. N. SCHMALL, College of the City of New York.

The greatest rectangle is inscribed in an ellipse, and the greatest ellipse in that rectangle, again the greatest rectangle in that (second) ellipse, and the greatest ellipse in that (second) rectangle, and so on *ad infinitum*; show that the sum of all the inscribed rectangles is equal to the area of the rectangle circumscribed about the given ellipse.

231. Proposed by EVA S. MAGLOTT, A. M., Professor of Mathematics, Ohio Northern University, Ada, O.

If a right circular cone stands on an ellipse, prove that the convex surface of the cone is $\frac{1}{2}\pi(OA + OA')(OA.OA')^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \alpha$, where O is the vertex of the cone, A and A' the extremities of the major axis of the ellipse, and α is the semi-angle of the cone at the vertex, using the formula $ds = \frac{1}{2}\rho\sqrt{(\rho^2 + p^2)}d\theta$, where p is the perpendicular from the vertex to the base of the cone, ρ the distance from the foot of the perpendicular to any point in the perimeter of the base, and θ the angle between the major axis and ρ .

MECHANICS.

194. Proposed by W. J. GREENSTREET, M. A., Editor of the Mathematical Gazette, Stroud, England.

A body has a plane face resting on a rough wedge. The wedge is on a rough inclined plane, thick end down and thin edge horizontal. Find the condition that the body will slide down the wedge with constant acceleration, the wedge not slipping the while. Discuss the case in which the angle of friction for wedge and plane is greater than the angle of inclination of the plane.

195. Proposed by J. EDWARD SANDERS, Reinersville, Ohio.

Particles slide from rest at the focus of a parabola, whose axis is vertical, down radius vectors, and are then allowed to move freely. Find the locus of the foci of their subsequent paths.

DIOPHANTINE ANALYSIS.

139. Proposed by PROF. R. D. CARMICHAEL, Anniston, Ala.

$2^{n-1}(2^n-1)$ is a multiply perfect number of multiplicity 2 when 2^n-1 is prime. Prove that there are no other multiply perfect numbers containing only 2 distinct primes.

140. Proposed by R. D. CARMICHAEL, Anniston, Ala.

Determine (any way) whether the Diophantine equation $\left(\frac{2x-1}{3}\right)^3 = x^2 + y^2$ has any positive integer solutions.

141. Proposed by PROF. R. D. CARMICHAEL, Anniston, Ala.

Given that the highest factor of a prime p contained in $m!$ is p^{m-s} ; find general expressions involving p and m and s , from which, when a solution is possible, m can be determined when s is a given integer and p is a given prime. Is it then possible in any case to have more solutions than one?

AVERAGE AND PROBABILITY.

181. Proposed by W. J. GREENSTREET, M. A., Editor of the *Mathematical Gazette*, Stroud, England.

At a sea-side excursion for x men there are boats enough for q men and carriages enough for z . But p do not care for driving, and q would feel indifferently comfortable on the water, while the rest do not care either way. Each man has what he prefers as long as a seat is left for him in carriages or boats, and those who do not care either way choose at random. Find the chance that all will be satisfied.

182. Proposed by L. MORDELL, Philadelphia, Pa.

Out of n straight lines whose lengths are 1, 2, 3, 4, ..., n inches, respectively, the number of ways in which 4 may be chosen which will form a quadrilateral in which a circle may be inscribed is $\frac{1}{48}[2n(n-2)(2n-5)-3+3(-1)^n]$.

MISCELLANEOUS.

163. Proposed by J. EDWARD SANDERS, Reinersville, Ohio.

Two straight streams of different volumes and velocities come together. Find the path of a body floating in mid-current of either.